



DECEMBER 2018

LETTER FROM THE BOARD:

It's the most wonderful time of the year....

...and American Sokol Washington D.C. is here to help you celebrate. Please join us for festivities throughout December including our annual St. Nicholas party on Sunday, December 9. We have it on good authority that St. Nicholas himself and perhaps a little angel and a pesky little devil will be in attendance and handing out a surprise to all kids in attendance. Plus, there will be plenty of opportunities for us bigger kids to celebrate with a cold beer and a hot dinner. See below for more information on American Sokol, Washington D.C.'s Annual St. Nicholas Party and other December events



We hope you took advantage of the kickoff activities to the holiday season and other Sokol happenings and events in November. Events like the jam-packed Christmas markets at the Slovak and Czech Embassies that we helped support that included performances by our youth folklore group, Sokolik. There is much more to come and we look forward to seeing you.



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

THANK YOU
for Giving Tuesday donations!
We reached \$710 in donations,
which will be tripled!

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UPCOMING

St. Nicholas Party - Sunday, December 9

Czechoslovak Interdenominational Holiday Celebration Services - Sunday, December 16

Monthly Membership Meeting– Wednesday, December 5 (All are welcome) - Please Read Update

Sokol School/Preschool Highlights

Holiday Events including Sokolik, our Children's/Youth Folklore Group, performances.

Sokolik Performances - Sunday, December 9

ASW Membership Dues for 2019

Sirbrinky Annual Fundraiser - Saturday, February 23 **SAVE THE DATE!**

41st Annual Baca Cup International Ski Race - TBD!

ONGOING

Sokol School/Preschool - December 7 & 14 (Holiday Celebration on 12/14)

Orienteering December 9 & 16

Kids Ski Free in PA - 4th/5th Grade Snow - Pass

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Thank you notes

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY and FEAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018



[Read it on Facebook](#)

Please join us for the Annual St. Nicholas Party and Feast. All are WELCOMED!!!

Koledy/Christmas Carols will be performed by our youth folk group Sokolik, students of the Czech and Slovak School, and afterward, Mikuláš will arrive with his entourage at 5:15 PM!

Each child will receive a traditional gift from St. Nicholas "Mikuláš"!

We'll send a reminder out with details later this week. If you have immediate questions please reach out to Sis. Zuzana Steen at events@sokolwashington.com

WHEN: Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

WHERE: The Hall of [St. Luke Orthodox Church](#) (6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101)

**Please support our Czech/Slovak School by baking Christmas Cookies for our
BAKE SALE at the St. Nicholas Feast!**

Cookie collection will be at the Czech/Slovak School on

Friday, December 7th

CZECHOSLOVAK HOLIDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Come and enjoy Czech-Slovak Christmas Interdenominational Services. Together, we will sing beloved Czech and Slovak Christmas carols and wish each other a wonderful Holiday Season. A reception will follow.

WHEN: Sunday, December 16, 2018 @ 3:00 PM

WHERE: Emmanuel Lutheran Church - 7730 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

WHERE: THIS MONTH ONLY at the Home of Ondrej Schneider.
 4500 Killebrew Terrace, Bethesda, MD, 20817

Parking is available on the road. The home is located on a cul-de-sac.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 5. 8 PM - 10 PM

We hope to see you there - all are welcome, member or not

CZECH/SLOVAK SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

If you are interested in your child participating in Sokolik, please contact Elena

Another great month for the children at the Czech/Slovak School. How about the crowds who watched the kids perform at the Slovak and Czech Embassies. In addition, there was a Gingerbread Cookie decoration workshop for the adults as well.

SOKOLIK PERFORMANCES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Singing at St. Nicholas Party, McLean, VA

Doors open at 4:30. Sokolik will perform at 5:15.

[St. Luke Orthodox Church](#)

Volunteers are welcome!

Bake Sale, Book Sale, and other activities.



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ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019

JANUARY 31, 2019

DO NOT FORGET that the DEADLINE to submit [ASW membership dues](#) is January 31, 2019.

- Individual Membership (adult /voting) \$40.00
- Two Adults Membership (both voting)\$75.00
- Family Membership I. (one adult voting / all children up to 18 years and other non-voting adults) \$50.00
- Family Membership II. (both adults voting / all children up to 18 years) \$80.00
- New Member One-time Administrative Fee \$15.00

Please make your check payable to "American Sokol Washington, DC" and mail it at your earliest convenience to:



American Sokol Washington, D.C.

c/o Br. Tibor Bartalos

1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704, Washington, DC, 20024

Your membership in good standing guarantees you:

- Discounted tickets to Sokol activities;
- Insurance coverage at Sokol activities;
- Knowing that you enable all the wonderful programs you and your family enjoy;

SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 23, 2019



"At the opera" is the theme. Black, Red, and Gold are this year's colors

This is our fundraising event with a silent auction

A Fun Evening of Activities:

Dancing • Live Music • Full Course Dinner • Best Costume Prizes • Silent Auction • Raffle Drawing

WHERE: [Embassy of the Czech Republic](#), 3900 Spirit of Freedom St., Washington DC, 20008

41st ANNUAL BACA CUP SKI RACE

TBD

Dates, Time and Details are still being finalized for the 41st Annual Baca Cup Ski Race. More information to come.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 & 14



Holiday Events on Friday, December 14. We look forward to seeing you.

The Czech/Slovak school is an excellent opportunity for children of all abilities to learn Czech and Slovak languages and cultural heritage. Plus, the children will have plenty of opportunities to perform what they learn at Sokol events throughout the year. For the adults, there are opportunities for those looking to learn or advance their Czech/Slovak language skills.

There will be activity, conversation and volunteer opportunities in the multi-purpose room for the adults while we actively wait on the children and their lessons. In addition, following school, there will be Music/Culture/Folklore and

Children attending school will need to **bring**: a folder, a composition book, a pencil case filled with pencils, pens & crayons.

Please enter through the door facing the parking lot. Please enter after 6:30. School begins at **6:45**. All children will be escorted to the class by their teachers. If you are late, please escort your children to the class. If you are new to the school, there will be plenty of parent volunteers to assist you.

School Fees per Semester:

\$90/1 child, \$140/2 children, \$180/3 children, \$210/4 children per semester. Checks or cash accepted. Checks are **payable to "ASW DC School Fund"**.

Schedule:

Czech and Slovak School - Youth	Fridays	6:45	–	8:00 pm
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays	6:45	–	8:00 pm
Music and Folklore - Youth	Fridays	8:15	–	9:00 pm
Adult Czech and Slovak Classes	Fridays	8:00	–	9:00 pm
Youth Gymnastics	Fridays	8:15/9:00	–	10:00 pm

WHEN: Friday, December 7 & 14, 2018 - 6:45 PM

WHERE: [Carderock Springs Elementary School](#) • 7401 Persimmon Tree Ln • Bethesda, MD 20817

CONTACT: Sis. Michaela Kiss and Sis. Lucie Berankova at school@sokolwashington.org

SCHOOL CALENDAR

FRIDAYS

2018

DECEMBER 7 • 14

2019

JANUARY 4 • 11 • 18 • 25

FEBRUARY 1 • 8 • 15 • 22

MARCH 1 • 8 • 15

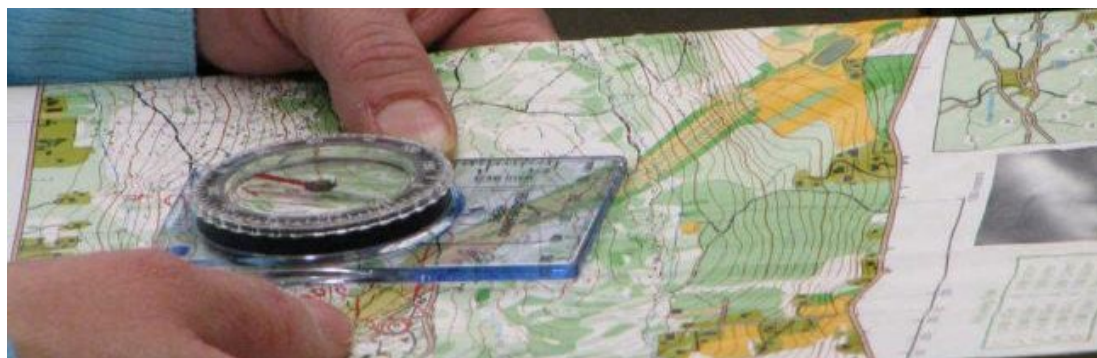
APRIL 5 • 12 • 26

MAY 3 • 10 • 17 • 31

JUNE 7 (End of School Party)

ORIENTEERING

[Quantico Orienteering Club](#)



Come and enjoy this family friendly sport. Events are organized by the local orienteering clubs and offer great fun for the whole family. This is a great skill for kids to master.

Date

Event

Details

Dec. 9. Sun. [Seneca Creek State Park](#), [Smokey Glen Farm](#), [Gaithersburg, MD](#) Mid-Atlantic Champs

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Dec. 16 . Sun	Palapasco Valley State Park, CCBC Catonsville, Catonsville, MD	Classic	

Feel free to check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check the website for changes due to the weather. <http://qoc.us.orienteeing.org>

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at sports@sokolwashington.org or Radka Herndon at Rradunka@aol.com

Ski Free in Pa - 4th/5th Grade Snow Pass

How about skiing or boarding for FREE this winter? Well here's your chance! Your Pennsylvania 4th & 5th Grade Snowpass booklet offers you the privilege of skiing and boarding at 20 Pennsylvania Ski Resorts for FREE this winter - Take mom or dad with you for the thrill of a lifetime - an experience you will never forget.

This season we hope that you and your family have an opportunity to enjoy as many of Pennsylvania's ski resorts as possible. Your Snowpass will provide you with over 64 days of FREE skiing and boarding.

This program has just opened and has limited capacity, so please order your passes now:
<https://skipa.com/deals/4th5th-grade-program>

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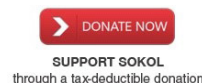
Would you like to get rid of documents, photos, art, books, collections, merchandise, technical material and articles that are inherently valuable and significant to Sokol movement, its founders, members, culture, philosophy, 150 years of history in America and 70 years of history in Washington, D.C. metropolitan area

CONTACT: Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org

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If you have a cultural, folk, educational or sporting/athletic event you would like to share with our members, please

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We would not be able to flourish as an organization without the constant help of our many volunteers. American Sokol. That's why it's important that all members and friends, at least from time to time, offer their contribution to help our Sokol Unit thrive. Our Unit can be only as good as our members' participation in its activities.

Washington, D.C. Chapter, is a 501(c)(3) a non-profit organization and all of its officers are volunteers.



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